

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, comprising:

digital-to-analog converting means for producing an analog signal by digital-to-analog converting said digital data which has been subjected to the reproduction processing by said reproducing unit~~means~~; and

a jack provided on ~~said~~ one end side in said longitudinal direction of the case to allow an external connection plug to be inserted therein, which has a terminal for outputting said analog signal obtained from said digital-to-analog converting means, to said connection plug inserted.

3. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 2, wherein

said jack is provided in said case so that said connection plug is projected from the other end side toward one end side in said longitudinal direction.

4. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3, wherein

said jack is provided so that the direction of inserting said connection plug is slant with respect to said longitudinal direction of said case.

5. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, comprising

strap attaching means which is provided on said one end in the longitudinal direction of said case for attaching a predetermined strap thereto.

6. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 5, wherein

said strap attaching means allows said dangling strap to be attached thereto.

7. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, comprising:

a circuit board which is contained in said case with loading an Integrated Circuit package which constitutes at least a part of said control-~~means~~unit; and

projecting parts for containing a part of said circuit board, which are formed so that a part of said case projects in accordance with the form of said circuit board.

8. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 7, wherein said projecting parts are formed in said longitudinal direction of said case.

9. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, comprising

a clip which is provided on said one end side in said longitudinal direction of said case to attach the case to a user's body, clothes, and belongings;

10. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, comprising:

an interface for taking in said digital data which is transferred from outside; and

recording means for recording said digital data taken in by said interface, to said storage~~recording~~ medium.

11. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 10, wherein

said interface takes in said digital data which is transferred from said outside on Internet.

12. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 11, wherein

said interface is a connector based on the Universal Serial Bus standard.

13. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, wherein

said control ~~means~~ unit is configured to read out said digital data which has been compressed with ~~the~~ a MPEG Audio Layer-3 method, from said ~~storage~~ recording medium, in accordance with said reproduction instruction ~~input with~~ from said manipulating ~~unit~~ means.

14. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, wherein

said control ~~means~~ reads ~~unit~~ is configured to read out said digital data which has been compressed by ~~the~~ an Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding-3 method, from said ~~recording~~ storage medium, in accordance with said reproduction instruction ~~input with~~ from said manipulating ~~unit~~ means.

15. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 364, wherein

said case is formed in a cylindrical form.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3746, comprising:

digital-to-analog converting means for producing an analog signal by digital-to-analog converting said digital data which

has been subjected to the reproduction processing by said reproducing unit~~means~~; and

a jack provided on said one end side in said longitudinal direction of said case to allow an external connection plug to be inserted therein, which has a terminal for outputting said analog signal obtained from said digital-to-analog converting means to said connection plug inserted, and wherein

said strap has a ring part and a holding means for integrally holding a code introduced from said connection plug and said ring part.

18. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 17, wherein said ring part comprises:

band member; and

sticking means for sticking one end on the back plane of said band member to the other end on the front plane of the band member.

19. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 18, wherein

said sticking means is a sticking tape for detachably sticking said one end on said back plane of said band member to said the other end on said front plane of the band member.

20. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 17, wherein

said jack is provided on one end side in said longitudinal direction of said case.

21. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 17, wherein

said jack is provided in said case so that said connection plug is projected from the other end side toward said one end

side in said longitudinal direction of said case.

22. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 17, wherein

said jack is provided in said case so that the direction of inserting said connector plug is slanted with respect to said longitudinal direction of said case.

23. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3716, comprising:

a circuit board which is contained with loading an Integrated Circuit package which constitutes at least a part of said control unit~~means~~; and

projecting parts for containing a part of said circuit board, which are formed so that a part of said case projects corresponding to the form of said circuit board~~—~~.

24. (original) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 23, wherein

said projecting parts are formed in said longitudinal direction of said case.

25. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3716, comprising

a clip provided on said one end side in said longitudinal direction of said case, to attach the case to a user's body, clothes or belongings.

26. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3716, comprising:

an interface for taking in said digital data which is transferred from outside; and

recording means for recording said digital data taken in by said interface, to said storage~~recording~~ medium.

27. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3726, wherein

said interface takes in said digital data which is transferred from said outside on Internet.

28. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3726, wherein

said interface is a connector based on the Universal Serial Bus standard.

29. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3716, wherein

said control ~~means reads~~ unit is configured to read out said digital data which has been compressed with ~~the a~~ a MPEG Audio Layer-3 method, from said ~~storagerecording~~ storage medium, in accordance with said reproduction instruction ~~from input with~~ from said manipulating ~~unit means~~ unit.

30. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3716, wherein

said control ~~means reads~~ unit is configured to read out said digital data which has been compressed by ~~the an~~ an Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding-3 method, from said ~~storagerecording~~ storage medium, in accordance with said reproduction instruction ~~input with from~~ from said manipulating ~~unit means~~ unit.

31. (currently amended) The portable recording and/or reproducing device according to Claim 3716, wherein

said case is formed in a cylindrical form.

32. (canceled)

33. (canceled)

34. (canceled)

35. (canceled)

36. (new) A portable recording and/or reproducing device, comprising:

a storage medium for storage digital data;

a manipulating unit configured to provide a reproduction instruction for causing reproducing said digital data stored in said storage medium;

a reproducing unit configured to reproduce said stored digital data;

a control unit configured to read said digital data from said storage medium in accordance with said reproduction instruction from said manipulating unit, send the read digital data to said reproducing unit, and control said reproducing unit so as to perform reproduction processing on the read digital data; and

a housing case containing said storage medium, said control unit and said reproducing unit,

said manipulating unit is arranged on a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of said housing case at one end thereof.

37. (new) A portable recording and/or reproducing device, comprising:

a storage medium for storage digital data;

a manipulating unit configured to provide a reproduction instruction for causing reproducing said digital data stored in said storage medium;

a reproducing unit configured to reproduce said stored digital data;

a control unit configured to read said digital data from said storage medium in accordance with said reproduction instruction from said manipulating unit, send the read digital data to said reproducing unit, and control said reproducing unit so as to perform reproduction processing on the read digital data; and

a housing case containing said storage medium, said control unit and said reproducing unit;

a strap attaching unit provided on one end side of said case; and

a strap to be attached to said strap attaching unit,
said manipulating unit is arranged on a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of said housing case at the one end side thereof.